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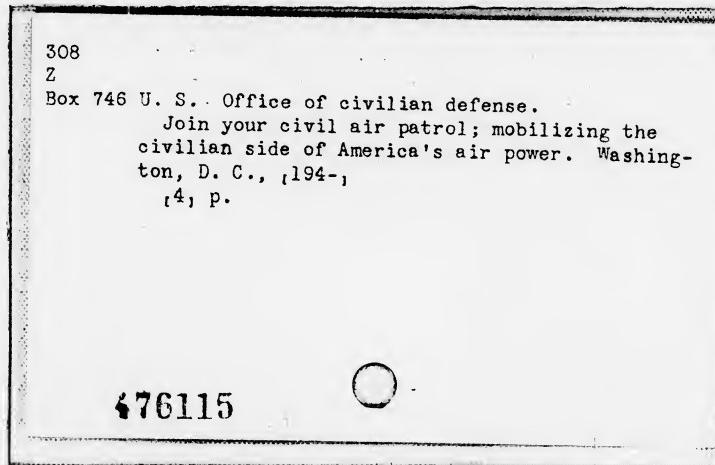
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CIVIL AIR PATROL



MOBILIZING THE CIVILIAN SIDE
OF AMERICA'S AIR POWER

An opportunity for pilots and auxiliary personnel to serve their country for civilian defense and to train for wartime duties in aviation.

UNITED STATES
OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE
Washington, D. C.

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THE CIVIL AIR PATROL is a volunteer civilian defense organization mobilizing the civil aviation personnel and equipment of the Nation not otherwise engaged in scheduled airline transportation or in the defense effort. It is training this corps of men and women for auxiliary service to the armed and civilian defense forces of the United States.

Created by administrative order of December 1941, in the Office of Civilian Defense, the CAP is semimilitary. Its National Commander is Maj. Gen. John F. Curry, an active officer of the Army Air Corps.

ORGANIZATION—The CAP organization is patterned after the Army Air Forces. There is a Regional Commander in each of the nine Army Corps Areas, and a Wing Commander with a Wing Staff to supervise the activities in each State.

Each Wing is divided into Groups which in turn are divided into 2 to 5 Squadrons. The basic unit is a Flight consisting of not less than 3 or more than 15 pilots and not less than 3 or more than 8 airplanes. A Squadron is composed of 2 or 4 Flights.

Special uniforms are worn by CAP officers and members. Military discipline is maintained.

TRAINING—CAP members start with primary courses in military courtesy and drill. They advance to special defense courses in first aid, gas protection, and other wartime subjects. And they carry on to advanced studies in aviation.

Under this program, pilots can attain higher ratings. Student pilots can earn their wings under expert guidance. Observers, mechanics, ground personnel, and auxiliary workers can become skilled not only in aviation work but in many other fields.

WHO CAN JOIN—Enlistment in the Civil Air Patrol is open to Americans 18 and over for flight duties and 16 and over for non-flying duties. Men and women are equally eligible.

The main purpose is to mobilize citizens experienced as pilots and airplane mechanics, or with related skills such as radio and photography. But many auxiliary workers, not necessarily with prior aviation backgrounds will be needed.

HOW TO JOIN—Get an application blank and fingerprint card from your local CAP leader, CAA officer, airport manager, or airplane dealer. Or write your State CAP Wing Commander.

Fill out the blank carefully. Go to your police station for help in taking your fingerprints. Mail the blank and card to Civil Air Patrol, Office of Civilian Defense, Washington, D. C. Do not fold them. Enclose three passport photos $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$, full-face view. If under 21, attach written consent of parent or guardian.

After Washington clearance by FBI and CAP Headquarters your application will be mailed back to your State Wing Commander for his approval. Then you can become an accredited member of your local CAP unit.

DUTIES—All CAP work is voluntary. Plane owners have no obligation to lend their planes to other members. A member may resign with approval of his Wing Commander.

But CAP wants the men and women who will stick for the duration and pull their weight in the missions of their units. Enlist now.

WARTIME DUTIES

MISSIONS flown by the Civil Air Patrol strengthen America's civilian defenses and take a great burden of work from the armed services.

PATROL—Many areas must be carefully patrolled to warn against attack or sabotage. CAP units, flying on regular schedules, can keep a constant watch on power lines, reservoirs, and vital defense areas which otherwise would be imperfectly guarded from the ground or would require military planes urgently needed elsewhere.

MILITARY AID—Ferrying of military personnel and equipment, towing of aerial targets, flights for searchlight practice, and many other CAP services are available to the Army and Navy.

CIVIL DEFENSE—Flights to test the aircraft spotter system, mock air raids, and black-out tests keep the civilian defense forces on the alert. Expert CAP members can train other services in aircraft identification.

TRAINING—Intensive training in aviation and allied military subjects prepares CAP members to function in disciplined units on assignments which will become more and more interesting and important as the war goes on.

PERSONNEL—CAP serves as a pool for personnel. Members have frequent opportunities to accept full-time work in war agencies and industries. Many ferrying pilots have been drawn from the Patrol.

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